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New York -- Professor Albert Einstein heads the list of prominent leaders from all walks of life who are acting as co-chairmen of the testimonial dinner being tendered to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, on March 21st in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore, New York City.

The dinner, plans for which were initiated by the Zionists of New York, will pay tribute to Dr. Silver for his outstanding leadership of American Jewry over many years and for his great contributions to American thought and public welfare. Dr. Silver served as national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal for seven years. His vigorous leadership of the American Zionist Emergency Council throughout the past year is generally regarded as his most notable accomplishment.

In addition to Professor Einstein, the co-chairmen include Hon. M. Maldwin Fertig, prominent New York attorney and President of the Bronx Zionist Region; Rabbi Wolf Gold, leader of World Mizrachi; Hon. Nathaniel L. Goldstein, Attorney-General of New York State; Professor Horace M. Kallen, of the New School for Social Research; Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Emanuel Neumann, Zionist leader and former member of the Jewish Agency Executive; David Pinski, poet-playwright and leader of Labor Zionism; Charles J. Rosenbloom, Treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal; Hon. Carl Sherman, former Attorney-General of New York State; Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, and Pierre van Paassen, noted author.

Mark Sugarman is treasurer and Abraham Goodman, Treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America, is secretary of the dinner committee, which is still in formation.

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TRI-STATE ZIONIST REGION UNANIMOUS FOR DR. SILVER'S RECALL TO LEADERSHIP

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New York-- The Tri-State Zionist Region, comprising almost 9000 members of the Zionist Organization of America from Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, parts of West Virginia and Eastern Ohio, has unanimously adopted a resolution deploring the breach in the American Zionist movement and demanding Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's recall to political leadership. This was announced today by the newly-formed American Zionist Policy Committee.

The Committee disclosed that at a joint meeting of the executive and administrative committees of the Tri-State Region held on February 11th at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, a discussion of the controversy within the Zionist Organization of America took place. Judge Louis Levinthal, of Philadelphia, who had addressed the meeting on "The Expansion Fund of the Z.O.A.," participated in the discussion and delivered a lengthy address criticizing Dr. Silver and defending the Z.O.A. Administration's actions.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, of New York, who had spoken earlier on "The Political Situation in the Near East," refuted Judge Levinthal's remarks and represented the pro-Silver point of view.

At the conclusion of the discussion, and after both sides had been fully presented, the meeting voted unanimously to recall Dr. Silver to leadership.

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AMERICAN ZIONIST EMERGENCY COUNCIL STAFF INSCRIBES DR. SILVER'S NAME IN GOLDEN BOOK

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New York-- The entire staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council has inscribed Dr. Abba Hillel Silver's name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund "with affection and esteem," it was learned here today.

In a recent letter to Dr. Silver, the Emergency Council staff said:
"On December 30th, 1944, the entire staff of the American Zionist Emergency Council decided to inscribe your name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

"At a later date you will receive the certificate, which we did want to reach you on your birthday, but technical delays in its preparation have unfortunately made this impossible. Therefore, please accept this letter in its stead, as a token of our high regard, and with our very best wishes."

2/15/45

Acceptances to national council of Zionist Policy Committee as of 2/19/45.

Ch.(1st Lt.) A.J.Feinberg
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Rabbi G.E.Hillel Kauvar
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Meriden, Conn.

Louis Linderman
New Haven, Conn.

Jack A. Goodman,
Indianapolis, Ind

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Des Moines, Iowa

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Louisville, Ky

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Baltimore, Md

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Fall River, Mass

Irving Usen
Newton Centre, Mass

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St. Louis, Mo

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Feb. 12, 1945

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver
The Temple
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Silver,

These are the names received through yesterday:

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Louis Sutin Terre Haute, Ind.

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Rabbi Jacob J. Gittleman Louisville, Ky.

Samuel Keiser Baltimore, Maryland

Joseph B. Abrams Boston, Mass.
David Course Fall River, Mass.
Irving Usen Newton Centre, Mass.

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Rabbi Gershon Hadas Kansas City, Mo.

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Max Tieger Elizebeth, N.J.
Henry Rosenbaum Plainfield, N.J.

Rabbi Abraham Kellner	Albany, N.Y.
Marcus Abramson	Bronx
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Philip Lassar	Brooklyn
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Kalman I. Ostow	Brooklyn
Thomas Cohen	Brooklyn
Morris Weinberg	New York City
Leon A. Kohn	New York City
Max Levy	New York City
Sol Low	New York City
Jacob Fishman	New York City
Seymour Liebman	New York City
Jacob J. Bernstein	Jamaica, N.Y.
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Julius Goodman	Troy, N.Y.

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Rabbi William B. Silverman Gastonia, N.C.

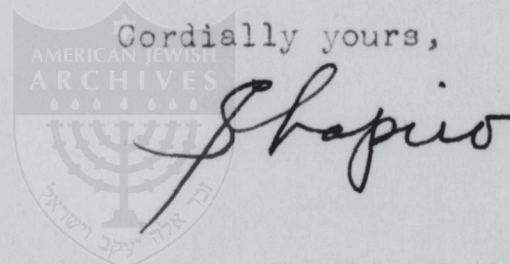
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Rabbi Leon I. Feuer	Toledo

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A.L. Buch	Harrisburg, Penn.
Rabbi S. Newberger	Oil City, Penn.
Jacob S. Richman	Philadelphia, Penn.
Jacob B. Hoffman	" " "

Judge Benjamin Lencher	Pittsburgh, Penn.
Max Engelberg	Pittsburgh
Samuel Goldstock	Pittsburgh
Ellis Brodstein	Reading, Penn.
Mark Sugarman	South Coatesville, Penn.

Ben Arnold	Columbia, South Carolina
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I hope that your visit to Miami is pleasant and fruitful. Kindest personal regards.



Rabbi C. E. Hillel Kauvar, Denver, Colorado

Chaplain (1st Lt.) A. J. Feinberg, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas
(Formerly of Hammond, Indiana)

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Rabbi Oscar Fleishaker, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dr. Sidney Denbo, Burlington, New Jersey

Dr. Jacob B. Shohan, West Orange, New Jersey

Abraham Zerman, Bronx, New York

Leo Wilson, Bronx, New York

Judge Emanuel Greenberg, Brooklyn, New York

David Spiegel, Brooklyn, New York

Morris A. Zeldin, Brooklyn, New York

Maurice Bernhart, Brooklyn, New York

Jacques Torczyner, New York City

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American Zionist Policy Committee

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DR. SILVER URGES ZIONISTS TO MOBILIZE BEHIND VIGOROUS, MILITANT POLICY

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New York - In response to numerous inquiries addressed to him regarding Prime Minister Churchill's statement on the Palestine question and President Roosevelt's brief reference to the Jewish problem there, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, today made the following comment:

"Prime Minister Churchill's statement with regard to the Palestine question and President Roosevelt's passing reference to the Jewish problem there will come as a shock only to those who have been misled into expecting an imminent decision favorable to our cause. Mr. Churchill has made it clear that no decision on Palestine has been taken, nor is one contemplated until the end of the war. In my opinion there was never solid ground for anticipating a positive pro-Zionist declaration to issue from Malta, Yalta or Egypt. I made no secret of my views, but always cautioned against false hopes and unfounded optimism. Repeatedly I warned my fellow Zionists that our battle was far from won and advocated a policy of constant vigilance and unrelenting militant action along our whole political front to ensure ultimate victory. For this I was bitterly attacked and my policy denounced by those who thought they knew better, who imagined themselves to be in the know, and who fostered a false atmosphere of inflated expectation. They attached exaggerated importance to their personal standing in official circles. They decried public agitation and the pressure of public opinion as harmful and a Congressional Resolution on Palestine as superfluous, untimely and inconsequential. They believed the time had come for our 'diplomats' to take over. Events have proved them to be hopelessly in the wrong. The new Zionist line they have adopted already stands defeated and discredited.

"Where do we go from here? Are we to be doomed again to subsist on pledges while fulfillment is repeatedly deferred? It is pertinent to recall that it is now almost six years since the White Paper was issued and almost five years since Mr. Churchill took office. During these years Jewish blood has flowed in torrents but the Palestine issue still remains where Chamberlain left it. No doubt a few crumbs of consolation will be thrown our way in the form of some immigration permits - granted perhaps 'with Arab consent,' as envisaged in the White Paper - in lieu of the basic political solution so long overdue and so persistently postponed.

"In the face of this new and bitter disappointment, our movement must recover its sense of reality, shake off illusions and gird itself for the great struggle which still lies ahead. We must rally our forces and mobilize all our resources once more for a united, all out effort to bring about the realization of our historic aspirations. The future of Israel is at stake. This is no time for weakness and cautious 'moderation.' The moment calls for high courage and a return to a vigorous, militant policy."

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AMERICAN ZIONIST POLICY COMMITTEE
55 WEST 42 STREET
NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

TEL. LA 4-7319

April 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM

Some weeks ago you, together with 145 other leading American Zionists, called on the President of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Emergency Council to restore unity in Zionist ranks through "the reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council, the adoption of a firm line of political action and the prompt recall of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to leadership."

The Council's answer sent to you on March 26th has been called to our attention. That letter reveals not the slightest intention on the part of the present leadership to heal the breach and rectify the wrong committed last December, despite the fact that the Zionist masses have made their wishes unmistakably clear. You and many others have made specific recommendations and requests. The lengthy letter you have received boils itself down to a flat refusal to comply with these requests. Out of its plausible verbiage emerges a simple and categoric "No."

The Council's letter attempts to make up for the lack of any constructive approach to the problem by a series of statements inaccurate as to fact, partisan in tone and spirit and constituting an attack on Dr. Silver and his numerous supporters throughout the land. It is impossible to answer these statements fully in this memorandum. We will confine ourselves to a few observations.

1) "A Co-Chairmanship was established for the first time when Dr. Silver was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee." This is incorrect. During 1940 and 1941 the Council was headed by three Co-Chairmen-Dr. Wise, Mr. Louis Lipsky and Mr. Robert Szold. The group in control of the ZOA carried on an unceasing agitation directed against one of the Co-Chairmen, Mr. Lipsky, insisting upon his elimination from any position of leadership or responsibility in the Council. They succeeded in that purpose but failed to raise the activities of the Council to the required level. And the political fortunes of the Movement had sunk to an extremely low ebb when Dr. Silver assumed the responsibilities of leadership in the fall of 1943.

2) It would appear from the letter as if the discovery was made last December that the Co-Chairmanship was unworkable and the Council was faced with the necessity of electing a single Chairman. No such crisis would have arisen but for the persistent efforts of a small group to defeat the essential purpose of that arrangement, which was to provide for the centralized direction of the political work by electing Dr. Silver as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Emergency Council and Co-Chairman of the Council as a whole. This was generally understood at the time, following a public announcement made by Dr. Wise on August 5, 1943, which read as follows:

"Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, for long one of the most distinguished figures in Zionism, will be summoned to leadership in the sphere of political affairs by becoming the Co-Chairman with me of the American Emergency Committee for Zionist Affairs and assuming also the Chairmanship of its Executive Committee, the body responsible for the centralized direction of our political efforts."

This arrangement, dictated by necessity, was irksome and disappointing to a few individuals who made repeated attempts throughout 1944 to circumvent it by various expedients in order to promote their own ambitions. It is against this

background that one must judge the bland statement that the Co-Chairmanship "proved unworkable." This "conclusion" was the consummation of months of maneuvering behind the scenes, designed to force Dr. Silver into a secondary position or, failing that, to bring about his elimination.

3) That the issue of militancy is definitely involved is confirmed by the attitude of the great body of American Zionists and of the Jewish press. They realize that militancy is not a matter of words but of the spirit: an inflexible determination to press Zionist demands relentlessly against odds however great and in the face of opposition however powerful, as against a weak-kneed policy which recoils when serious obstacles are encountered. The mass of Zionists recognize that Dr. Silver best typifies this militant spirit so desperately needed at this time.

4) The letter quotes a statement made by Dr. Silver at the time of his resignation that he was remaining a member of the Council. It conveniently forgets to quote another part of the same statement of December 28th in which he reserved the right to fight publicly for his Zionist convictions, principles and policies. These were his words: "I shall continue to advocate ... a policy in which timidity, appeasement and backstairs 'diplomacy' will have no place."

It is a significant reflection of the mentality of those who forced his resignation that they should wish to muzzle the free expression of Zionist opinion, whether on the part of a distinguished leader or the rank and file.

5) The letter has much to say about the democratic process and the necessity of abiding by decisions democratically arrived at. In the light of the historical record, this must be set down as so much cant. The actions of the controlling group in relation to Dr. Silver and his policies constitute the grossest violation of the democratic spirit which has occurred within the Zionist Movement in years. On October 16th, before the internal crisis was precipitated, a National Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, meeting at Atlantic City, unanimously passed resolutions expressing confidence in Dr. Silver's leadership and approval of his policies. The Convention also unanimously called for the early passage of the Palestine resolution through the Congress of the United States. Yet, within a few weeks thereafter, a handful of ZOA leaders, in defiance of the will of the Convention and of public opinion, took it upon themselves to frustrate Dr. Silver's efforts and to force his resignation. Following a course unprecedented in Zionist history, they instituted what amounted to impeachment proceedings against a great Zionist leader and his removal from high office. Since then, resolutions passed by scores of Zionist districts and regions throughout the country have proved beyond any doubt that the great majority of organized Zionists disapprove that action and insist upon the recall of Dr. Silver. The latest instances are those of the Tri-State Region, numbering about 9000 members, which passed such resolutions unanimously a few weeks ago, and the Ohio Valley Region, regarded as a stronghold of the ZOA Administration, which passed a similar resolution on March 18th after a full presentation of the ZOA point of view by one of its leading officers. The position of the controlling group is thus in clear violation of democratic principles as it is in conflict with the sentiments of American Zionists.

6) The letter insinuates that Dr. Silver and his supporters - more particularly the American Zionist Policy Committee - are engaging in rival political action. This insinuation is baseless. Neither Dr. Silver nor any person connected with this Committee has attempted to carry on independent political action either in Washington or elsewhere. We have particularly avoided carrying the internal controversy into the general press. The Emergency Council has had an absolutely clear

field, free of any interference or obstruction. We have communicated and will continue to communicate with our fellow Zionists, to foster an alert public opinion among our people and to encourage the free expression of views and judgments regarding the problems confronting the Zionist Movement. This is not only our democratic right but also our duty under the circumstances which prevail. In doing so, we are encouraged by the responsive attitude of Zionist leaders throughout the country and the remarkable unanimity with which our views are supported by the Jewish press.

7) The letter further charges Dr. Silver and his friends with spreading an unjustified pessimism regarding the political situation and "hindering the fulfillment of an effective program of action." These are astonishing statements to come from the Emergency Council. So far as the political situation is concerned, our evaluation of it is moderate indeed compared with the articles and editorials which have appeared in the Jewish press following the public statements by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, the failure of the negotiations with Arab leaders, the continued enforcement of the White Paper and the lack of any indication of a change of policy. Indeed, no statement emanating from us has struck as pessimistic a note as the editorial "Still on the Waiting List" appearing in the current number of Palestine, official organ of the Zionist Emergency Council itself, from which we quote the concluding sentences: "The intent of the White Paper is being achieved while we are waiting. The land promised the Jews will be closed to them in the moment of their greatest distress. In effect, for all practical purposes, the judgment for which they are advised to wait with patience and confidence, will have been rendered against them."

As for the accusation that we are hindering the fulfillment of an effective program of action, it is devoid of a scintilla of truth. On the contrary, we have repeatedly impressed upon our friends orally and in writing that it is their duty to carry out the directives of the Emergency Council in the sphere of political action. And according to our information, all Zionists are doing so to the best of their ability. Raising this charge bears all the earmarks of an alibi that is being prepared to explain the failure to achieve more substantial results than the present leadership has to its credit.

8) The only "action" taken by the Council in response to the telegram addressed to it by 146 leading representative Zionists has been to send a letter to Dr. Silver inviting him to attend a meeting of its Executive Committee (of which he is not a member) in order to "discuss the political situation!" Dr. Silver in his reply did not refuse to attend one or more meetings but pointed out that this invitation can hardly be regarded as a solution of the problem or even as a serious step looking to its solution. In addition to the expressions of American Zionist, Dr. Weizmann had cabled to Dr. Wise as well as to Dr. Silver urging that immediate steps be taken to liquidate the controversy and to reestablish a united Zionist front. Dr. Silver has repeatedly indicated his willingness to confer with Dr. Wise in accordance with Dr. Weizmann's cabled request but thus far Dr. Wise has not indicated a willingness to attend such a meeting.

The time is getting short! For years we were doomed to witness the tide of Nazism and Fascism closing in on the Jews of Europe while the democracies moved scarcely a finger to save them. Are we now to witness the rising tide of Pan-Arabism closing in on the Jewish National Home while we are advised to contain ourselves with patience and wait a little while longer? The least that a responsible leadership can do at this moment is to bend every effort to reestablish a united Zionist front in the face of the dangers which confront us.

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SAMUEL D. WISE
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Office of the Secretary

Fellow Member of The Temple:

It must be a matter of great pride and satisfaction to all of our members that our beautiful Temple is now really ours. The debt has been paid; the mortgage has been burned. The contributions necessary to effect this happy conclusion did not happen by chance but resulted from long, devoted, hard work on the part of the Committee appointed to liquidate the indebtedness. Rabbi Silver's responsibility is principally that of spiritual leader of The Temple and the lifting of the mortgage can scarcely be deemed his obligation. However, he was very instrumental and in the foreground of that zealous band who did the footwork, the actual gringing, unromantic job of solicitation.

We believe that you will want to join with your fellow members in presenting to Rabbi Silver a token of our gratitude for his unflagging devotion to a difficult task beyond the call of duty. If it meets with your wish, please send to the Gift Committee in the enclosed return envelope, your check or remittance in a sum from \$1.00 up towards a gift as a mark of our appreciation of his determined efforts which were so highly successful. Such a Gift Fund placed at the disposal of Dr. Silver will enable him to help along the many worthy cultural and scholarly projects which frequently turn to him for assistance. We wish this gift to represent a large cross section of our membership. Rabbi Silver, we know, will be more greatly pleased with the number of contributions than by the amount subscribed. Your name will be given in connection with the gift; the size of your contribution will not be mentioned.

You will facilitate our plans if you respond promptly. If remittance is by check, please make payable to S. D. Wise, Chairman Gift Committee.

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-- The American Zionist Policy Committee, which will function both nationally and locally within the framework of the Zionist Organization of America in order to "press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver," was launched this week by a group of prominent Zionist leaders throughout the country, headed by Charles J. Rosenbloom of Pittsburgh.

In a letter sent to a number of leading American Zionists, Mr. Rosenbloom, who is treasurer of the United Palestine Appeal and former treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal, listed the purposes of the American Zionist Policy Committee as follows:

"(1) To deepen Zionist thought and the understanding of Zionist problems on the part of our lay leaders and the rank and file.

"(2) To advocate and press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

"(3) To strengthen the Zionist Organization of America from within by developing a vigorous and informed public opinion among its membership and an intelligent interest in national affairs.

"(4) To revitalize the democratic principle basic to our movement so that the composition and policies of the national administration shall reflect the will and temper of the great body of American Zionists."

Mr. Rosenbloom emphasized that the Committee's activities "will in no wise interfere with the political work of the Zionist Emergency Council. As Dr. Silver has repeatedly urged, all constructive Zionist efforts must be carried on with undiminished vigor."

Assailing the Z. O. A. administration's action in forcing Dr. Silver's elimination from the political leadership of American Zionism "after a year of prodigious activity and unprecedented political achievement," Mr. Rosenbloom declared: "That such incredible things could happen in the way they did, points to serious internal conditions which must be corrected if we are to avoid major setbacks. The leadership of the Z. O. A. has revealed an appalling ineptitude and an incapacity to deal in a statesmanlike manner with such crises as are bound to arise. It has acted precipitately and arbitrarily. It has either mistaken the sentiments of the great body of American Zionists, or deliberately ignored them."

The American Zionist Policy Committee is establishing offices at 55 West 42 Street, New York 18, N. Y.

The text of Mr. Rosenbloom's letter follows:

"We have all been shocked and bewildered by the events of the past weeks. Suddenly and without warning we learned that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver has been eliminated from the political leadership after a year of prodigious activity and unprecedented political achievement.

"This blow to our movement was dealt by the ZOA administration without troubling to ascertain the views and wishes of its constituents. No attempt was made to compose differences among the leaders and preserve Zionist unity. All proposals for a cooling off period, all counsels of moderation were rejected. The Emergency Council was hastily 'reorganized' with a slate of officers which added no new talent, but excluded the strongest figure in American Jewish life and the most dynamic and resourceful leader in American Zionism. Thus, at a most critical time, we have been confronted with a fait accompli, an open breach and a bitter controversy.

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"This is but the climax of a general trend which has long disturbed many thoughtful Zionists. Side by side with the gratifying numerical growth of our organization, there has been going on a moral deterioration at its center and a steady weakening of its democratic fiber. Lay leaders in all communities have been receiving orders and assignments which they have cheerfully carried out, but they have not been encouraged to express themselves or to participate effectively in the shaping of Zionist policy.

"Vitaly important posts and committees in the national setup have been increasingly filled by mere satellites or by persons who are considered 'safe.' Criticism is frowned upon and the critics eliminated. Esteemed and seasoned Zionist leaders, such as Emanuel Neumann, Elihu D. Stone and others have been replaced by yes-men lacking their standing, experience or qualifications.

Even our National Convention - the ultimate source of democratic authority - has all but lost its original character of a deliberative assembly and has become a sounding board for a small group of leaders who occupy its platform year in, year out.

"Today the important political gains we have made under Dr. Silver's brilliant leadership are imperilled. There is a danger that the militant spirit he has infused into our ranks will be allowed to die and his dynamic policy abandoned. There is danger that when the powerful momentum he has imparted is spent, our movement will relapse into the state of auto-paralysis and political impotence in which it was bogged down before Dr. Silver took over the responsibility from the very hands which are now lifted against him.

"The time has come for those of us who are leaders and workers in our respective communities, and are deeply concerned about the future of our movement to act and make our influence felt. To this end a number of us have decided to associate ourselves nationally under the name of the American Zionist Policy Committee. Its purposes may be briefly stated as follows:

- "(1) To deepen Zionist thought and the understanding of Zionist problems on the part of our lay leaders and the rank and file.
- "(2) To advocate and press for a militant and dynamic Zionist policy such as has been exemplified by the successful leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.
- "(3) To strengthen the Zionist Organization of America from within by developing a vigorous and informed public opinion among its membership and an intelligent interest in national affairs.
- "(4) To revitalize the democratic principle basic to our movement so that the composition and policies of the national administration shall reflect the will and temper of the great body of American Zionists.

"Our activity will in no wise interfere with the political work of the Zionist Emergency Council. As Dr. Silver has repeatedly urged, all constructive Zionist efforts must be carried on with undiminished vigor. Our Committee will function both nationally and locally within the framework of the ZOA. It will carry on a campaign of education. It will also lay plans for carrying out necessary reforms in our organization.

"We have taken this initiative upon mature deliberation and after consultation with Dr. Silver, who, we hope, will head our committee in an active or honorary capacity.

"On behalf of my associates and myself, I invite you to indicate your adherence to our views and your willingness to serve on the national council of the American Zionist Policy Committee now in formation.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles J. Rosenbloom"

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New York -- The American Zionist Policy Committee today issued the following statement on the makeup of ~~the~~ ^{the} committee ^{named today by the President of the Z.O.A.,} which will "explore the possibilities of bringing about a solution of the controversy in relation to the American Zionist Emergency Council" :

"The resolution which was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America on Sunday evening, April 1st, appeared to be a genuine effort on the part of that body to meet the universal demand of American Zionists for unity in the ranks, which was disrupted by the enforced resignation of Dr. Silver from the Chairmanship of the Executive of the American Zionist Emergency Council and from the Co-Chairmanship of the Council itself.

"When this resolution was given to the press by the Z.O.A. administration, it was accompanied by interpretations which distorted the clear intent of the resolution and which created the suspicion that the whole move was a disingenuous maneuver. The makeup of the committee to explore the possibilities of unity, which has just been made public, unfortunately confirms this suspicion. The committee is headed by a chairman who is among the most bitter and notorious opponents of Dr. Silver. All the members of the committee, with the exception of Mr. Louis Lipsky, voted at the meeting of the Z.O.A. Administrative Council to sustain the representatives of the Zionist Organization of America on the American Zionist Emergency Council who forced Dr. Silver's resignation. Three of the five members of the committee have, within recent weeks, made unscrupulous attacks on Dr. Silver from the public platform. Not a single member of the committee represents the forces in American Zionism which have publicly demanded

the recall of Dr. Silver. The American Zionist Policy Committee repudiates this committee and expresses no confidence in it."

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146 LEADING AMERICAN ZIONISTS DEMAND UNITY

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CALL FOR EMERGENCY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION, MILITANT POLICY AND RECALL OF DR. SILVER

New York - - 146 leading American Zionists have called on the President of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Emergency Council to restore unity in Zionist ranks through "the reorganization of the American Zionist Emergency Council, the adoption of a firm line of militant political action and the prompt recall of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver to leadership."

In a telegram sent to the Z.O.A. President and the Emergency Council, they declared:

"We are deeply perturbed by statements of Churchill and Roosevelt in relation to Palestine which have been received by Zionists with feelings of keenest disappointment. This blow comes at a time when we have been weakened by a breach in our leadership and resultant controversy and are also embarking on independent UPA campaign. We earnestly warn of critical situation developing with serious consequences to our organization and Zionist cause. Prompt action required to heal the breach and restore to our movement its full strength, unity and sense of confidence. We urge Emergency Council and Z.O.A. Administration to take immediate steps towards (1) Reorganization of American Zionist Emergency Council, (2) Adoption of firm line of militant political action, (3) Prompt recall of Dr. Silver to leadership. This should be done in a spirit of devotion to highest interests movement at moment of grave emergency when fate and future of Jewish people are at stake."

Zionist leaders from 30 states and the District of Columbia signed the telegram. They include 36 members of the Z.O.A. National Administrative Council, as well as many delegates to the 1944 National Convention of the Z.O.A.

The signers are: Dr. I.A. Abrams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joseph B. Abrams, Boston, Mass.; Irving Abramson, Paterson, N.J.; Marcus Abramson, Bronx, N.Y.; Lester D. Alexander, Toledo, Ohio; O.H. Altschuler, Youngstown, Ohio; Rabbi Morton M. Applebaum, Flint, Mich.; Ben Arnold, Columbia, S.C.; Dr. Ilie Berger, Providence, R.I.; George J. Bergman, Burlington, Vermont; Sam Berlin, Charleston, S.C.; Francis J. Berman, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Oscar Berman, Cincinnati, Ohio; Maurice Bernhart, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Israel Bernstein, Portland, Maine; Jacob J. Bernstein, Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.; Joseph H. Biben, Rochester, N.Y.; Lawrence M. Brile, Fairmont, W. Va.; Rabbi Wm. G. Braude, Providence, R.I.; Ellis Brodstein, Reading, Pa.; Frank Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; A.L. Buch, Harrisburg, Pa.; Jack B. Cohen, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lester Cohen, Uniontown, Pa.; Paul Cohen, Bronx, N.Y.; Sol Cohen, Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.; Thomas Cohen, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Arthur I. Darman, Woonsocket, R.I.; Bernard Davidson, Lawrence, L.I., N.Y.; Benjamin J. Doft, Lawrence, L.I., N.Y.;

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